

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 61 and 64 are presently active, Claims 1-58 have been previously canceled without prejudice, and Claims 59-60 and 62-63 are canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

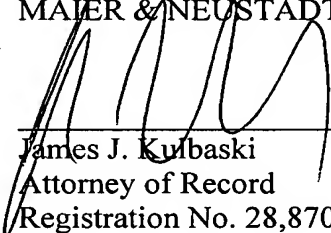
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 59-60 and 62-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Ishida et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,917,639). Claims 61 and 64 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowance for Claims 61 and 64. In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Claims 59-60 and 62-63, which were rejected in the outstanding Office Action, are canceled.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, it is believed that the outstanding rejection is overcome, and the application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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